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SUBJECT: POLICY ON ASSISTANCE TO ROMANIAN INELIGIBLES

REF: STATE 163112 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES COMPLEXITIES INVOLVED IN ASSISTING INELIGIBLES AND IS AT LOSS TO EXPLAIN BREAKDOWN IN PROCEDURES IN COANDA AND FILIP CASES BEYOND THE FACT THAT FILIP'S TRAIN TICKETS WERE CHANGED TO SATURDAY DEPARTURE BY THE ROMANIAN RAILWAY COMPANY, AND RESERVATIONS FOR NEXT SEVERAL DAYS WERE NOT AVAILABLE. GIVEN SITUATION, CONOFF TELEPHONED VIENNA TO SEE IF OTHER ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE, AND WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN DURING TELECON THAT TOLSTLOY FOUNDATION WAS OPPOSED EVEN TO ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE TWO WEEKS EARLIER. EMBASSY BUCHAREST HAD NEVER RPT NEVER BEEN INFORMED OF SITUATION AND WAS UNDER IMPRESSION ALL ADDRESSEES WERE IN AGREEMENT TO PROCEDURES OUTLINED BY DEPARTMENT.

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2. WHILE WE ARE SCRUPULOUSLY TRYING TO ADHERE TO INSTRUCTIONS, WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER WHAT THESE PERSONS DO OR SAY ONCE THEY ARE OUT OF ROMANIA. WE EXPLAINED TO COANDA IN GREAT DETAIL THAT HE WAS INELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY INTO THE U.S. AND HAD HIM SIGN STATEMENT THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THIS FACT. WE PROPOSE

THAT IN THE FUTURE IT MAY BE HELPFUL FOR US TO INSERT
COPY OF SUCH STATEMENTS IN PACKET OF DOCUMENTS
INELIGIBLE "TCP" TAKES WITH HIM. HOWEVER, WE DOUBT
THAT THIS WILL MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE IN BEHAVIOR OF
PERSONS INVOLVED.

3. EMBASSY IS FACED WITH SEVERE PROBLEMS WITH
INELIGIBLES WHICH ARE PERHAPS NOT FULLY APPRECIATED
BY OUR COLLEAGUES IN ROME AND VIENNA. WHEN A ROMANIAN
RECEIVES AN EXIT PASSPORT, HE MUST SELL EVERYTHING HE
HAS, SURRENDER HIS IDENTIFY PAPERS, AND LEAVE COUNTRY.
WHILE REINTEGRATION IS THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE, IT
CONFERS PERMANENT PARIAH STATUS ON FAMILY OR INDIVIDUAL
INVOLVED AND DESTINS THEM TO LIFE OF HARDSHIP AND
POSSIBLE HARASSMENT. PERSONS ARE GIVEN EXIT VISAS
FOR SPECIFIC COUNTRIES AND ARE UNABLE TO LEAVE ROMANIA
WITHOUT VISAS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES.

4. EMBASSY ASSURES DEPARTMENT THAT IT HAS AND WILL
CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED IN THESE
CASES AND WILL ABIDE BY WHATEVER DECISIONS WASHINGTON
MAKES.
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